

## Total Trihalomethanes MCL Public Notice

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

#### The City of Macomb Has Levels of Total Trihalomethanes Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received on September 5, 2024 show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for total trihalomethanes (TTHMs). The standard for TTHMs is 0.080 milligrams per liter (mg/L). The average level of TTHMs over the last year was 0.081, 0.084, and 0.087.

#### What should I do?

- **You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

#### What does this mean?

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. *However, some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.*

#### What happened? What is being done?

We have adjusted processes at our water treatment plant to assist in removing organic material prior to distribution. We have installed additional auto flushers and increased the frequency at which they run. We anticipate resolving the issue by April 2025.

For more information, please contact Alice Ohrtmann at 309.833.2821 or 232 E Jackson Street, Macomb IL 61455.

*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

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